

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Enrollment Summary for the 2026-2027 School Year

Total enrollment in the Beaverton School District declined from the prior school year by a total of 893 students (-2.41%). This was the 2nd largest drop in enrollment since 2020 (-4.02%). Table 1 shows change by school level and program for the district. For the K-12 general education population, which comprises the bulk of enrollment, each school level experienced a decline, with the largest drop at the elementary school level.¹ Early College experienced a small decline, and Alternative Programs experienced a relatively large drop. Other programs, including Special Placement, Self-Contained Specialized Programs and the two district charter schools saw minor increases from last year.

Table 1: Enrollment Change 2025 to 2026 School Year

K-12 General Education	2025-26	2026-27	Change #	Change %
Elementary (K-5)	14,843	14,274	(569)	-3.83%
Middle School (6-8)	8,446	8,259	(187)	-2.21%
High School (9-12)	11,531	11,356	(175)	-1.52%
Total	34,820	33,889	(931)	-2.67%

Other Programs	2025-26	2026-27	Change #	Change %
Early College (EC)	297	290	(7)	-2.36%
Alternative Programs (AP)	96	74	(22)	-22.92%
Special Education Outside Placement (SP)	70	73	3	4.29%
Self-Contained Specialized Programs (SCSP)	984	1,025	41	4.17%
Charter Schools (Arco Iris & HOPE Chinese)	813	836	23	2.83%
Total	2,260	2,298	38	1.68%

All Schools and Programs	2025-26	2026-27	Change #	Change %
Grand Total*	37,080	36,187	(893)	-2.41%

¹ Notes: General Education totals include all K-5, K-8, SUMMA, and Rachel Carson programs, and Middle and High School Options programs (ACMA, CS, ISB, BASE and FLEX Online). Pre-Kindergarten students are not included in figures above. The district Pre-Kindergarten total for 2025 is 409 students (in 2025 the Pre-Kindergarten population was 417).

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Chart 1 shows historic grand total enrollment from 2016 to 2026. The district's peak enrollment year was 2019 (41,374) and has declined each year since. Since 2019, total enrollment has fallen by 5,187 students (-12.5%).

Chart 1: Beaverton School District Grand Total Enrollment

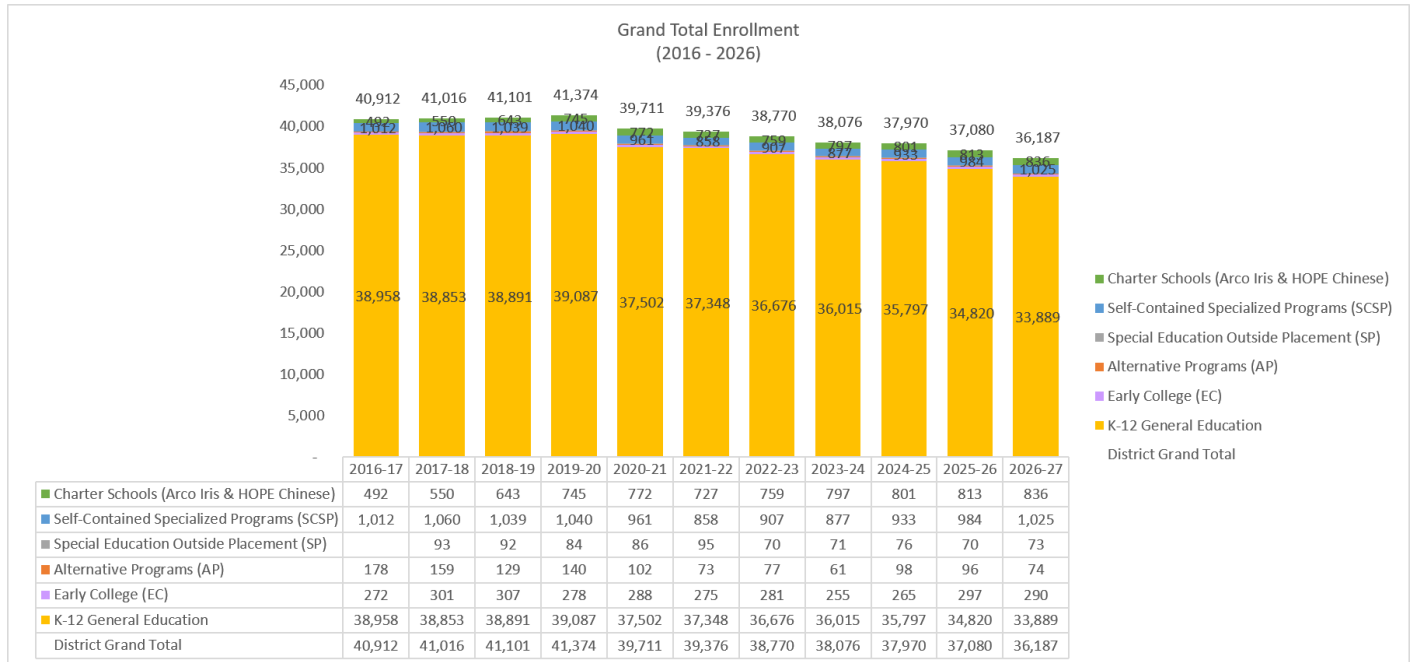


Table 2 shows each program as a share of total district enrollment since 2016. While K-12 General education remains the largest program by far, its share has declined slightly each year since 2022. Self-Contained Specialized Programs have grown in share since 2023. The Charter School share has grown each year since 2021.

Table 2: Program Share of District Total Enrollment

Program Share of District Grand Total	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
K-12 General Education	95.22%	94.73%	94.62%	94.47%	94.44%	94.85%	94.60%	94.59%	94.28%	93.91%	93.65%
Early College (EC)	0.66%	0.73%	0.75%	0.67%	0.73%	0.70%	0.72%	0.67%	0.70%	0.80%	0.80%
Alternative Programs (AP)	0.44%	0.39%	0.31%	0.34%	0.26%	0.19%	0.20%	0.16%	0.26%	0.26%	0.20%
Special Education Outside Placement (SP)		0.23%	0.22%	0.20%	0.22%	0.24%	0.18%	0.19%	0.20%	0.19%	0.20%
Self-Contained Specialized Programs (SCSP)	2.47%	2.58%	2.53%	2.51%	2.42%	2.18%	2.34%	2.30%	2.46%	2.65%	2.83%
Charter Schools (Arco Iris & HOPE Chinese)	1.20%	1.34%	1.56%	1.80%	1.94%	1.85%	1.96%	2.09%	2.11%	2.19%	2.31%
District Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

In addition to the drop in overall enrollment associated with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, smaller kindergarten class sizes are driving enrollment decline. The kindergarten class size saw a sharp drop in 2020, a recovery in 2021, and has declined each year since. Chart 2 shows actual kindergarten class sizes from 2017 to 2026. The chart also shows the kindergarten class size forecast from two recent forecasts. The most recent forecast, 2035 (base year 2025), revised kindergarten predictions substantially downward from the 2032 (base year 2022).²

² The district updates its 10-year forecast every 3-5 years for long-range planning purposes.

Chart 2: Beaverton School District Births and Kindergarten Cohorts

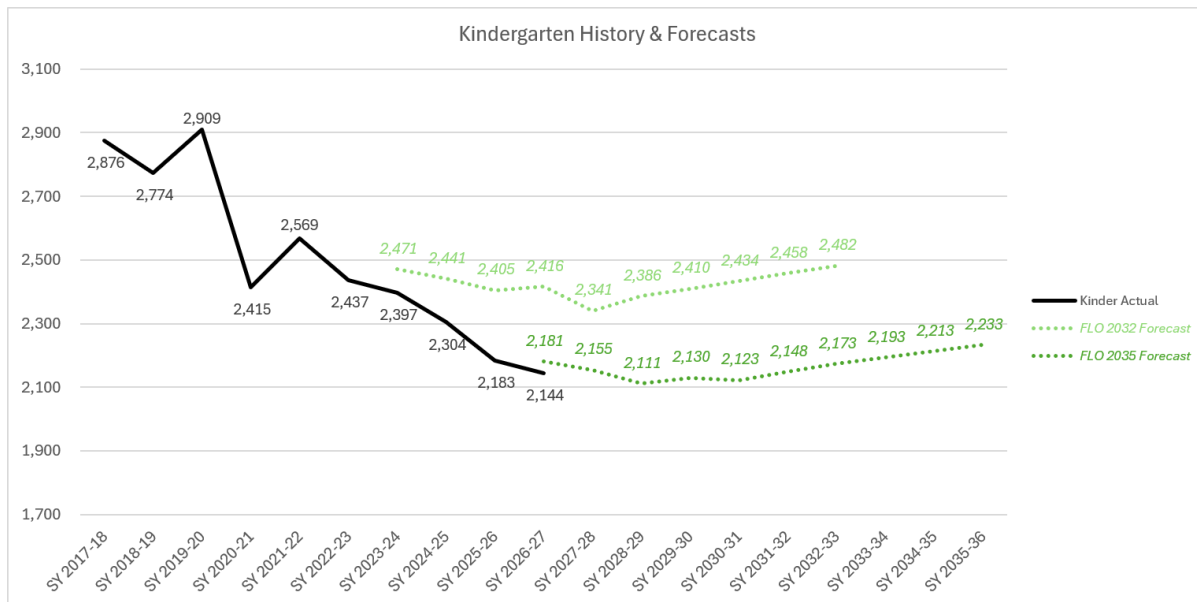


Table 3 shows the impact of smaller kindergarten classes on the K-12 general education enrollment over time. Cells are color coded by class size (red for larger numbers, blue for smaller). The district's largest cohorts, some with over 3,100 students prior to the pandemic, are being replaced by smaller cohorts each year. The average cohort size for all grades in 2016 was 2,997; in 2026 it is 2,607, a change of -13%. The bottom portion of the table shows annual change and the cumulative enrollment change since 2019 for the K-12 General Education population.

Table 3: Historic K-12 General Education Enrollment by Grade Level 2016-2026

K-12 General Education	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Kindergarten	2,751	2,876	2,774	2,909	2,415	2,569	2,437	2,397	2,304	2,183	2,144
1st Grade	3,020	2,781	2,949	2,846	2,782	2,638	2,659	2,532	2,501	2,304	2,207
2nd Grade	3,045	2,986	2,839	2,975	2,705	2,787	2,625	2,704	2,563	2,457	2,286
3rd Grade	3,079	2,994	2,987	2,845	2,815	2,680	2,782	2,607	2,780	2,552	2,408
4th Grade	3,098	3,089	3,023	3,001	2,703	2,808	2,709	2,787	2,634	2,716	2,526
5th Grade	3,080	3,076	3,100	3,051	2,897	2,721	2,795	2,685	2,815	2,631	2,704
6th Grade	3,150	3,134	3,095	3,137	2,981	2,930	2,744	2,836	2,745	2,856	2,684
7th Grade	3,121	3,142	3,142	3,090	3,030	2,977	2,859	2,731	2,889	2,744	2,816
8th Grade	3,085	3,078	3,142	3,120	3,008	3,015	2,956	2,873	2,771	2,846	2,756
9th Grade	3,041	3,161	3,166	3,222	3,199	3,112	3,060	3,034	2,967	2,884	2,937
10th Grade	2,994	3,009	3,148	3,168	3,155	3,134	3,110	3,023	3,051	2,969	2,874
11th Grade	2,810	2,793	2,820	2,946	2,944	2,980	2,964	2,930	2,889	2,894	2,746
12th Grade	2,684	2,734	2,706	2,777	2,868	2,997	2,976	2,876	2,888	2,784	2,805
K-12th Grades Total	38,958	38,853	38,891	39,087	37,502	37,348	36,676	36,015	35,797	34,820	33,893
Annual Change		(105)	38	196	(1,585)	(154)	(672)	(661)	(218)	(977)	(927)
% Annual Change		-0.27%	0.10%	0.50%	-4.06%	-0.41%	-1.80%	-1.80%	-0.61%	-2.73%	-2.66%
Cumulative change since 2019					(1,585)	(1,739)	(2,411)	(3,072)	(3,290)	(4,267)	(5,194)
% Cumulative change since 2019					-4.1%	-4.4%	-6.4%	-8.2%	-8.8%	-11.4%	-13.8%

Additional details by grade and school level are available in the enrollment summary (attached).